

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, February 17, 1998  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Mark Mansfield, ADOT John Anderson, Chandler	Steve Hancock, Mesa Tracy Stevens, Peoria
*Mario Mangiamale, Gilbert Susan Bookspan, Glendale	John Siefert, Phoenix
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	*Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	Eric Iwersen, Tempe

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Diane Barker Dawn Coomer, MAG	John Farry, MAG
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1. Call to Order

John Farry called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

2. Approval of the January 20, 1998 Meeting Minutes

John Anderson moved to approve the meeting minutes, Steve Hancock seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no members of the public present to address the Task Force.

4. Update on Task One Breakout Group Activities

Amy MacAulay addressed the committee to inform them of issues and needs identified at a December meeting. She distributed the information presented via fax to committee members before the meeting.

She commented that it would be better to narrow the scope of the plan update to focus only on the most important areas. She noted that in general, it would be important to plan for all types of cyclists, provide an opportunity for bicycle trips, and to focus on trips of shorter distance rather than commuting trips.

#### 5. Meeting Schedule for Task One Breakout Group

John Farry addressed the committee, noting that meeting dates will change. Patrick McDermott, Chandler, has been appointed to chair the Task Force and he has a scheduling conflict with the regular meeting time of the Task Force. The committee discussed appropriate meeting times, noting that the Governor's Bicycle Task Force meets the third Wednesday of each month and that the MAG Pedestrian Working Group meets on the third Thursday on the month.

John also noted that a breakout group which consists of more than one-half of committee members is not really a break-out group, but a meeting with a quorum. These meetings must abide by open meeting laws in accordance with MAG policy. To complete the plan update, the whole committee can work together, or smaller groups can work on various portions of the update which could then be forwarded to the Task Force for consideration. The committee discussed these and other options. The committee reached consensus in deciding to use the entire committee for only the first task of the plan update, and to use smaller groups to accomplish other tasks may be appropriate. Susan Bookspan noted the importance of staying focused on completing the plan update.

#### 6. Role of Public Involvement In Updating the Bicycle Plan

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee and discussed possible roles of public involvement in the plan update process. She noted that public input was received regarding issues during the first phase of the MAG public involvement process. The committee discussed various approaches to public involvement including asking bike clubs to advertise the plan update in their newsletters and creating a survey to be included in utility bills. Steve Hancock mentioned that several cities have done public input already. He suggested that a survey could be designed and then sent out to various cities for them to use. Mike Cartsonis indicated that it was equally important to get information from people who don't ride as well as people who do. Susan Bookspan noted that it was important to be involved in the MAG public involvement process just as other transportation planning activities are. Mike added that the Vision 2025 project may provide some guidance in this area.

John Siefert suggested using a focus group, perhaps consisting of schools, businesses, bicycle associations and retailers. Another member noted that the needs of bicycle groups are fairly well known, and the needs of other groups need to be addressed. It was decided to further address this issue as part of the update process.

#### 3. Call to the Audience

Diane Barker was given an opportunity to address the Task Force. She applauded the efforts of the committee, noting the air quality and health benefits of bicycling. She added that information on the

MAG public meetings should be posted on buses. She also noted the need to stripe additional bike lanes and to provide lanes dedicated for bicyclists.

7. Review of Adopted Goals and Objectives

Since the majority of the committee had an additional meeting to attend, Mike Cartsonis moved to have Amy MacAulay provide additional synthesis on the issues and needs reviewed earlier in the meeting, incorporating any new comments into the synthesis. John Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Assessment of Goals and Objectives

Discussion of this agenda item was deferred.

9. Next Meeting Date and Time

The committee will be notified of the next meeting date and time after staff discussion with the new chair.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.